Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Major General Michael A. Gorman's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, General Gorman devoted more than 41 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a soldier, Secretary of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and as the Adjutant General of the South Dakota National Guard while unprecedented deployments occurred in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle and he implemented the most extensive unit transformations in the history of the South Dakota National Guard; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, General Gorman continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Major General Michael A. Gorman for more than 41 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 15, 2007, as

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in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State